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Sir:

After assigning a serial number to the above-captioned application and before calculating the fee, please undertake the following changes:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the amended claims 1-20 for the original claims:

1. (Amended) A patch formulation for external use, comprising a basic drug, an organic acid and an organic acid salt as essential components

2. (Amended) The patch formulation for external use according to claim 1, wherein the basic drug is an acid addition salt thereof.